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Election of members of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

Lists of candidates nominated by States Parties

Note by the Registrar of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

I. Election of a member of the Tribunal

1. Due to the death of Judge Edward A. Laing on 11 September 2001, a vacancy has occurred in the Tribunal.

2. In accordance with the provisions of articles 4 and 6 of the Statute of the Tribunal, the Registrar, in a note verbale dated 8 October 2001, invited Governments of States Parties to submit the names of the candidates they might wish to nominate to the Tribunal.

3. By a note verbale dated 15 November 2001, the Registrar informed States Parties that, pursuant to article 6 of the Statute of the Tribunal, the President of the Tribunal, after consultation with the President of the Meeting of States Parties, had proposed to have the election held during the twelfth Meeting of States Parties. By the same note verbale the Registrar invited the States Parties to communicate their comments. Since no comments were received, the Registrar, by a note verbale dated 1 February 2002, informed the States Parties that the election to fill the vacant seat of Judge Laing for the remainder of his term (ending 30 September 2002) would be held during the twelfth Meeting of States Parties (16-26 April 2002).

4. Article 4, paragraph 2, of the Statute provides that the Registrar shall prepare a list in alphabetical order of all the persons nominated by States Parties, with an indication of the States Parties which have nominated them. The list is contained in annex I to the present note.

5. The curriculum vitae of the candidate will be circulated in document SPLOS/78.

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II. Triennial election of seven members of the Tribunal

6. Article 4 of the Statute of the Tribunal provides that the members of the Tribunal shall be elected at a meeting of States Parties from a list of persons nominated by the States Parties to the Convention.

7. The eleventh Meeting of States Parties decided that the election of seven members of the Tribunal would be held during the twelfth Meeting of States Parties (SPLOS/73, para. 109 (f)).

8. The Registrar, in a note verbale dated 30 November 2001, invited Governments to submit the names of the candidates they might wish to nominate to the Tribunal, bearing in mind the decisions taken by the Meeting of States Parties on the matter.

9. Article 4, paragraph 2, of the Statute of the Tribunal provides that the Registrar shall prepare a list in alphabetical order of all the persons thus nominated, with an indication of the States Parties which have nominated them. Pursuant to article 4 of the Statute, the nominations submitted by States Parties to the Registrar are set out in annex II to the present note.

10. The curricula vitae of the candidates will be circulated in document SPLOS/78.

Annex I

List of candidates for the election of a member of the Tribunal

Name and nationality	Nominated by
Ballah, Lennox Fitzroy (Trinidad and Tobago)	Trinidad and Tobago

Annex II

List of candidates for the triennial election of seven members of the Tribunal

Name and nationality	Nominated by
Ballah, Lennox Fitzroy (Trinidad and Tobago)	Trinidad and Tobago
Caminos, Hugo (Argentina)	Argentina
Chinhengo, Moses Hungwe (Zimbabwe)	Zimbabwe
Cot, Jean-Pierre (France)	France
Mazyambo, André Makengo Kisala (Democratic Republic of the Congo)	Democratic Republic of the Congo
Mukadi, Bonyi (Democratic Republic of the Congo)	Democratic Republic of the Congo
Ndiaye, Tafsir Malick (Senegal)	Senegal
Okola, Akich (Kenya)	Kenya
Pavliha, Marko (Slovenia)	Slovenia
Treves, Tullio (Italy)	Italy
Xu, Guangjian (China)	China
Yankov, Alexander (Bulgaria)	Bulgaria
Yturriaga Barberán, José Antonio de (Spain)	Spain